

# STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (SIAC)

## September Meeting Summary

**Date | time** September 26, 2018 | 10:00 a.m. | **Meeting Location** Administrative Office of the Courts

**Meeting called to order by** Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., PhD, Commissioner of Kentucky Department of Education & SIAC Chair

## WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & UPDATES

**Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., PhD**, Commissioner of Kentucky Department of Education & SIAC Chair, welcomed members/alternates to the meeting. Dr. Lewis welcome Sam Mitchell, Youth Alternate, to SIAC.

- **Denitta Mercier**, Parent, reported that the Lifeskills region has been awarded an iHOPE grant, which will allow them to partner with others and with public relations. There is a Fall Carnival this weekend that is free for all families. The Regional Youth Council hosted a car wash, which raised over \$250.
- **Rhonda Logsdon**, KY-SPIN, introduced *Resource Man*, Issue 1, which was created by youth. Ms. Logsdon also reported that KY-SPIN is hosting a series of free webinars. Ms. Logsdon reported there is a Family Fall Festival on October 21, that is free for children with disabilities and their families (see Meeting Handout section). Ms. Logsdon also encouraged audience to check out the KY-SPIN's and Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children's websites.

## BUSINESS ITEMS

### ❖ Review of August Meeting Summary

**Vestena Robbins** – made a motion to approve; **Rachel Bingham** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

### ❖ Update on SIAC's recommendations to the Governor and Legislative Review Commission

**Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., PhD**, Commissioner of Kentucky Department of Education & SIAC Chair, asked members to review the draft document and invited discussion. Pastor Palmer stated he would like SIAC to specifically state support for the racial disparity bill. Pastor Palmer reported he has a copy of the bill to be filed by Senator Westerfield, and he has distributed the draft bill to the Disproportionality & Disparities Standing Committee. Pastor Palmer will email the bill to Lea Taylor to be forwarded to SIAC Members. Members discussed supporting concepts rather than naming a specific legislation. Members discussed and were supportive of reviewing a position paper, drafted by the Disproportionality & Disparities Standing Committee. Tena Robbins recommended adding psychological safety to the recommendations. Dr. Robbins stated that the Social & Emotional Health Standing Committee will draft language around that topic. Members discussed school safety, suicide risk, emotional health, and the opportunity to not stay in silos. Melissa Goins recommended adding language around trauma-informed and protective factors. Rachel Bingham recommended having a draft of the recommendations ready for review during the Commissioner-level SIAC meeting in October.

### ❖ SIAC Policy and Procedures

**Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., PhD**, Commissioner of Kentucky Department of Education & SIAC Chair, reported a draft of the revised SIAC Policies and Procedures will be ready next month for review.

### ❖ Strategic Plan and Financial Mapping Recommendations

**Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., PhD**, Commissioner of Kentucky Department of Education & SIAC Chair, reminded the Council that Standing Committee Chairs and SIAC Members were to review the recommended Financial Mapping actions and determine where they would best fit with the current alignment of priority areas and Standing Committees. Dr. Lewis invited discussion and feedback. Rachel Bingham reported concerns from the Judges re: Service Array. Ms. Bingham challenged the group of moving beyond access to resources to access to resources in all counties. Rhonda Logsdon added that "easily" access is another caveat. Tena Robbins pointed out the action items that will fit within the Social & Emotional Health Standing Committee activities. Elizabeth Caywood reported that with the new Families First legislation, there is a push for prevention of children coming into care, and there are enhanced funding capabilities. Ms. Caywood reported the recommendations need to be revisited by DCBS to ensure they are aligned with the new child welfare transformation initiatives. Ms. Bingham posed the question of how SIAC needs to use

these recommendations in light of the changes over the past couple years and SIAC working as more of a System of Care. At the end of the discussion, it was decided that many of the recommendations do not fit easily with the current priority areas. There was considerable discussion around a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Standing Committee. In order to reconvene a CQI Standing Committee, there would need to be a champion that would be willing to chair that standing committee, able to analyze the data across the system, as well as committed staff from each of the SIAC agencies to participate in the committee. Ms. Caywood recommended bringing individual agency data before SIAC. Ms. Caywood reported the Cabinet for Health and Family Services is investing in a data warehouse, and there is an Office of Health Data and Analytics, which may be a potential benefit to SIAC.

#### ❖ **SIAC Roles and Responsibilities**

**Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., PhD**, Commissioner of Kentucky Department of Education & SIAC Chair, reported this agenda item was requested by Tena Robbins and Rachel Bingham. Dr. Lewis requested discussion. Ms. Bingham discussed the statutory role of SIAC in governing RIACs and oversight of RIAC. Dr. Robbins gave an example of RIAC challenges and what SIAC is doing to assist RIACs in overcoming their challenges. Melissa Goins posed the question of how formal SIAC wants to be in “monitoring the effectiveness.” Ms. Goins proposed assigning the task of making a recommendation about this to one of the Standing Committees. Dr. Robbins asked Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator, if she had any current method to monitor. Ms. Brewer reported that as she makes visits to the RIACs, she is reviewing meeting minutes and action plans. Ms. Brewer also documents updates on a spreadsheet that lists the areas of focus and work of each RIAC. Dr. Lewis proposed writing process around what Ms. Brewer is already doing with her documentation. Ms. Bingham also recommended adding RIAC Challenges as a standing agenda item.

## REGIONAL INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (RIAC) UPDATES

**Vanessa Brewer**, RIAC Administrator at Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, provided a spreadsheet of RIAC updates (see Meeting Handout section). Ms. Brewer reported the chart provides the RIAC Areas of Focus and Activities, which provides an at-a-glance view of some of the work being done in each region. The bold RIACs are the ones that Ms. Brewer has visited within the past six months. Ms. Brewer highlighted the work of Big Sandy RIAC: two initiatives that the RIAC has created and focused on the last few months are the Juvenile Intervention Services Program, which is funded by a DJJ grant, and the Fathers Matter training. Donnie Ray, LRC for the Big Sandy RIAC; Gwen Hatfield, outgoing RIAC Chair; and Mary Reffitt, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center and staff that oversees the JISP program, were present and discussed the two initiatives in more detail as well as answered questions from SIAC Members.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., PhD**, Commissioner of Kentucky Department of Education & SIAC Chair, asked for input on future agenda items.

- Follow up to KDE’s Significant Disproportionality under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) presentation – date TBD
- Family First Prevention Services Act – Department for Community Based Services – tentatively November
- RIAC Challenges – requested by Rachel Bingham

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., PhD**, Commissioner of Kentucky Department of Education & SIAC Chair, asked for any public comments. There were no additional comments.

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Blvd., State Board Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601

## ADJOURNMENT

**Melissa Goins** – made a motion to adjourn; **Rachel Bingham** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

## SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

TASK:	RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
Add language to Governor & LRC recommendations: psychological safety, trauma-informed, and protective factors. Prepare draft for review at October SIAC meeting	Social & Emotional Health Standing Committee, Melissa Goins, Lea Taylor
Draft position paper re: racial disproportionality to be reviewed by SIAC Members	Disproportionality & Disparities Standing Committee
Draft SIAC Policy to include “monitoring effectiveness of RIAC” that incorporates current practice	Lea Taylor and Vanessa Brewer

## IN ATTENDANCE

### Members/Designees:

Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., KDE  
 Rachel Bingham, AOC  
 Rhonda Logsdon, KY-SPIN  
 Vestena Robbins, DBHDID  
 Bill Heffron, DJJ  
 Elizabeth Caywood, DCBS

Davey King, KHC  
 Denitta Mercier, Parent  
 Melissa Goins, FRYSC  
 Edward L. Palmer, Sr., SEJAY  
 Ivy Alexander, OCSHCN  
 Samuel Mitchell, Youth

Staff: Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, DBHDID; Lori Ramage, Administrative Specialist, DBHDID; Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator, DBHDID

### Partial Guest List:

Christie Penn, DBHDID  
 Lori Bradbury-Robinson, DJJ  
 David Hanna, Passport  
 Susan Downs, Aetna  
 Anne Embry, Lifeskills  
 Ian Rosser, KY-SPIN  
 Kristin Knight, AOC  
 Natasha Sanford, Adanta LRC  
 Diane Gruen-Kidd, DBHDID  
 Donnie Ray, MCCC  
 Gwen Hatfield, DCBS  
 Terrance Sullivan, KYA  
 Liz Stearman, Anthem  
 Kathy Adams, Children’s Alliance  
 John Fitzpatrick, DJJ  
 Ginger Scott, MCCC  
 Shirley Gardstein, CRBH  
 Stephanie Rice, Johnson County Schools

Whitney Hayse, P&A  
 Rebecca Hahn, Humana CareSource  
 Leigh Ann Fitzpatrick, DMS  
 Brittany Barber, DBHDID  
 CJ Jones, DMS  
 Beth Jordan, DBHDID  
 Eboni Blackford, AOC  
 Sarah Kidder, Consulting  
 LeAnn Magre, WellCare  
 Dorothy Jenkins, OVR  
 Kimberlee Richardson, Humana CareSource  
 Kate Tilton, TAYLRD  
 Nina Begley, Bluegrass.org  
 David Gutierrez, DCBS  
 Marry Reffitt, MCCC  
 Linnea Howard, MCCC  
 Stephanie Sikes, TAYLRD

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Due to the length of the SIAC meeting (meeting ended at 11:55 a.m.), neither the Social & Emotional Health nor the Outreach & Promotion Standing Committees met.

Standing Committees	Meeting Location
Disproportionality & Disparities	Meeting Room A

## MEETING HANDOUTS

Any handouts referenced in the meeting summary above will be available on the SIAC website at <http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/siac-summaries.aspx>. Under **Handouts**, use the drop down to select this meeting date.